

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, on May 22, 1819, the SS Savannah departed Savannah, Georgia, en route to Liverpool, England, on the first trans-Atlantic voyage by steam, marking the beginning of the steamship age in maritime history; and

WHEREAS, men and women from every state who are serving in the American Merchant Marine are honored on this day each year along with the many seamen who lost their lives in the World Wars and those who served with such courage and dedication in the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf conflicts; and

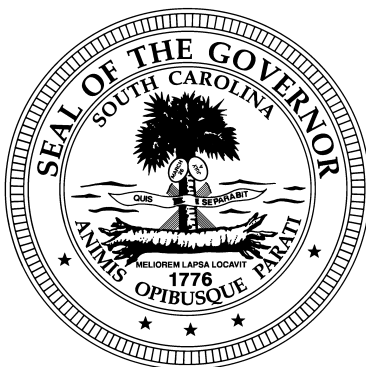
WHEREAS, South Carolina's maritime ports contribute significantly to the strength and economic growth of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, today, our merchant fleet binds us in peaceful commerce with increasingly interdependent nations around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2005, as

MARITIME DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to pay tribute to the Propeller Club of the United States for its dedicated efforts to honor the distinguished contributions of the United States Merchant Marine.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA